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European Parking Association (EPA aisbl) elects Vice President and six Board Members

Dublin, September 25, 2026 – The European Parking Association (EPA aisbl) is pleased to announce the election of seven members to its Board of Directors, following a vote at the Association's Annual General Assembly in Dublin, Ireland, on Friday 25 September.

Held the day after EPA's inaugural EU Policy Forum on Mobility & Parking, the gathering marked only the third Ordinary General Assembly of EPA aisbl since its foundation in Brussels less than three years ago. A quorum was reached among both Full and Corporate members, enabling members to take part in the Association's annual round of Board elections.

Following the election, the EPA aisbl Board of Directors now comprises:

- **Theo Thuis**, President, BAPSUM, 2025–2027
- **Peter Dingemans**, Vice President, VEXPAN, 2025–2027
- **Michael Kessler**, Vice President, Bundesverband Parken, 2026–2028 (*re-elected*)
- **Manuel Barrios**, Board Member, ASESGA, 2026–2028 (*re-elected*)
- **Philip De Brabanter**, Board Member, Belgian Parking Federation, 2026–2028 (*re-elected*)
- **Sébastien Fraisse**, Board Member, FNMS, 2025–2027
- **Christian Tønnevoold**, Board Member, NORPARK, 2026–2028 (*re-elected*)
- **Nicola Veratelli**, Board Member, AIPARK, 2025–2027
- **Roland Cracco**, Corporate Board Member, Interparking, 2026–2028 (*re-elected*)
- **Marco Siragusa**, Corporate Board Member, Verra Mobility, 2026–2028 (*newly elected*)
- **Morten Hother Sørensen**, Corporate Board Member, Arrive, 2025–2027
- **Klara Svejdoma**, Corporate Board Member, SKIDATA, 2026–2028 (*newly elected*)

Klara Svejdoma, nominated by SKIDATA, and Marco Siragusa, nominated by Verra Mobility, join the Board as representatives of EPA's [Corporate Members](#), succeeding Giovanna Piras, Automatic Systems, and James Toal, SKIDATA, who both stepped down after two years and eight years on the Board, respectively. They were duly thanked for their appreciated support by the EPA President, Theo Thuis.

EPA is also pleased to announce the re-election of Michael Kessler, Bundesverband Parken, as one of the Association's two Vice Presidents. Philip de Brabanter, Belgian Parking Federation; Manuel Barrios, ASESGA; Christian Tønnevoold, NORPARK (all as representatives of EPA's [Full Members](#)); and Roland Cracco, Interparking were also re-elected to the Board.

This year's election saw eight candidates stand for seven open Board positions, reflecting the continued engagement of EPA's members and their commitment to helping shape the Association's future.

The previous day, EPA hosted its inaugural EU Policy Forum on Mobility & Parking, bringing together senior representatives from the European institutions, cities and the wider mobility sector. With Ireland currently holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the choice of Dublin as host city felt natural and also brought the appreciated support of the [Irish Parking Association](#) as well as [Meet in Ireland](#).

The Forum offered a timely opportunity to examine the European policies and projects shaping urban mobility and parking, and the parking sector's role in a rapidly evolving mobility landscape.



The first session featured contributions from Caoimhin O’Ciaruain, Assistant Secretary General for Climate Action and the EU at the Irish Department of Transport (representing the Irish Presidency of the EU); Axel Volkery, Head of Unit for Innovation and Urban Mobility at the European Commission’s DG MOVE; and Peter Staelens, Head of Mobility at Eurocities.

A second session, “Beyond the Parking Bubble”, moderated by EPA President Theo Thuis, brought together Marion Cottet, Deputy Programme Manager & Technical Lead at ALICE, representing urban logistics; Dirk Penasse, General Manager of ESPORG, representing truck parking; Lottie Stainer, Transport and Urban Life Committee Manager at UITP, representing public transport; and Sébastien Fraisse, President of the Executive Board of INDIGO Group. Together, they explored the value of cross-sector collaboration and the opportunities to connect parking more closely with the wider mobility ecosystem.



During the meeting in Dublin, EPA also unveiled the new logo and confirmed the (NEW!) dates for the **22nd European Parking and Mobility Conference & Exhibition**, which will take place in Brussels on **21–23 September 2027**. This biennial flagship event will once again bring the entire European parking and mobility community together, under the theme “Unlocking Urban Space – Where Policy, Infrastructure and Technology Meet.”

For further information on the European Parking Association’s activities, please visit our website <https://www.europeanparking.eu/>.

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About the European Parking Association (EPA aisbl):

The European Parking Association (EPA aisbl), originally founded in 1983, is the umbrella organisation for Europe’s national parking associations and the wider parking and urban mobility sector. EPA member associations ([Full Members](#)) represent the parking sector as a whole, which consists of public bodies and private companies that are operating and managing on- and off-street parking structures and services. EPA [Corporate Members](#) represent the major operators and supply industry that offer all related products and services concerned with parking. EPA plays a leading role in the reinvention of parking as a mobility service and parking as a mobility platform, aiming to facilitate cooperation between the professional parking organisations of different European countries, providing networking opportunities and the exchange and mutual support of professional experience amongst its members.